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Welcome to Issue 33 of *Back To Prabhupada (BTP)*.

In this issue we highlight an ISKCON leader's shocking confession that if he was actually honest he would leave the movement, since he agrees with the IRM that today's ISKCON is completely deviant (please see pages 4-5). But he has not acted upon this assessment, and instead has decided to remain in the movement. Thus, by his own admission, he has decided to be dishonest. This epitomises how the movement is now moving towards a post-guru hoax scenario of open dishonesty. Below is a brief history of how this evolution has taken place.

1. Possible ignorance

It is always possible at the outset, if we give everyone the benefit of the doubt, that ISKCON was deviating simply because its leaders were ignorant of the facts. With a view to reviewing and being fully acquainted with all possible facts, in 1996 the GBC requested me to provide them a standard and comprehensive paper on the whole "ritvik" position. In response, I provided them with *The Final Order (TFO)*, the foundational document of the ISKCON Revival Movement (IRM). Following this, whatever else they may say, they could not plead ignorance.

2. Dispute

Instead, the GBC attempted to dispute the facts presented in *TFO*. Subsequently, even though

ISKCON gurus have openly referred to *TFO* as being the "bible of ritvikism", the GBC has not been able to refute it. This is to be expected, since you cannot, by definition, refute facts. Accepting this reality, by 2004, the GBC had rejected the very GBC paper which *TFO* addressed - *Gurus and Initiation in ISKCON* - replacing it instead with a simple statement of belief, making no attempt to offer evidence for the same.

3. Agreement

Since then the situation has moved even further, with many ISKCON leaders making climb-downs and espousing conclusions similar to that of *TFO*. And we have highlighted this agreement copiously, and even give further evidence for the same in this issue.

4. Dishonesty

Which brings us to the current situation. Since the overriding consideration is to enjoy through profit, adoration and distinction ("PAD"), one will ensure one's behaviour does not follow the facts or the truth, even if one may claim to agree with them! In addition to the confession mentioned at the start of this article, we also present a further example of this PAD phenomenon on the very next page. And previously we have also given many other examples of ISKCON leaders openly doing the opposite of what they themselves preach.

So it's as if we have now entered a post-guru hoax stage of

open hypocrisy. In this stage of dishonesty, actions will not follow one's words, because in the current *Kali-yuga* age, hypocrisy reigns supreme. Therefore, not only will one not care that he is acting hypocritically, but no one else will care either that one behaves like this, even if one is the follower of such a person. Rather, since the followers will also be hypocrites, they will continue to follow such a hypocritical leader. Srila Prabhupada called this the society of the "cheaters and the cheated". And we find this just as much the case between so-called "spiritual" gurus and disciples, as we do between materialistic governments and those who vote for them:

"Because demoniac people want to be cheated, so many cheaters are present to cheat them. At the present moment in this age of Kali-yuga, the entire human society has become an assembly of cheaters and cheated."

(*Srimad-Bhagavatam*, 4:26:6, purport)

Hence, the current situation has gone way beyond the issue of right and wrong. Instead, it's about persons needing to possess the spiritual purity to follow what they themselves agree is the correct path.

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Thank you and Hare Krishna.

Yours in the service of Srila Prabhupada,
Krishnakant

IRM Mission Statement

Since the physical departure of His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada from our material vision on November 14th, 1977, the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), the great movement which he single-handedly founded in 1966, and which is the only hope for humanity, has undergone a massive deterioration in its spiritual purity. This has been due to various deviations from the instructions and standards given by Srila Prabhupada, the chief of which being his displacement as the sole *diksa* guru for ISKCON. The ISKCON Revival Movement (IRM) seeks to restore ISKCON to its former glory, purity and philosophical chastity through the re-institution of all the instructions and standards that Srila Prabhupada gave, beginning with his role as the sole authority and *diksa* guru for ISKCON. The IRM's position is set out in *The Final Order* - see back page to order your free copy.



The cause of the ISKCON guru hoax - "PAD"!

In the last issue we explained how the guru hoax is merely a symptom of the deeper disease of personal motivation. Here we will detail, with an example, the nature of this personal motivation.

The ritvik reality

In the last issue (please see article "Bhakti Charu Swami's ritvik initiations"), we documented **HH Bhakti Charu Swami ("BCS")**:

- conducting an initiation ceremony whose rituals would be the same as a ritvik initiation ceremony;

- admitting he is only conducting the initiation on behalf of Srila Prabhupada;

- admitting he will have a very minimal role in the life of an initiate;

- admitting that actually Srila Prabhupada will provide the spiritual shelter and teaching for the initiate.

In other words, via his own admission, his role and position is no different to that of a ritvik priest initiating on behalf of Srila Prabhupada. Given this reality, an honest person would behave accordingly, and not claim any honour for oneself which is not befitting him.

The GBC prohibition

The GBC have prohibited the use of "Divine Grace" for any ISKCON gurus because this title is rightly reserved in ISKCON only for Srila Prabhupada:

"No one in ISKCON will be addressed either publicly or privately with honorific title "His Divine Grace" or the honorifics ending in "-pada". Disciples may address their ISKCON diksa or siksa gurus as "Gurudeva" or "Guru-maharaja"."

(GBC resolution 406, 1999)

The GBC are hardly opposed to persons taking Srila Prabhupada's position, having run the guru hoax in ISKCON for 35 years now, but

it seems even they understand that some special title should be reserved for Srila Prabhupada! It should also be noted that the GBC have prohibited the use of the "Divine Grace" title even in the case of those whom they believe are actually behaving as bona fide diksa gurus, and not just merely acting as ritviks. The Governing Body Commission is supposed to be the ultimate managing authority of ISKCON, and BCS is a member of this body and has pledged to uphold its authority and obey it.

The "Divine" fantasy

However, BCS insists that he be promoted as being on the same level as Srila Prabhupada, ordering that glorification of himself as "Divine Grace" be broadcast to others. He has done this for a number of years, with the excerpt below merely being one recent example:

"Guru Maharaja (BCS) asks to me to post my 'Thank You' letter related to his recent preaching tour in Europe. [...]"

Still a word Guru Maharaja to sincerely thank Your Divine Grace so much for all the indescribable association." (letter continues on in similar vein, with many more "Divine Graces").

(BCS Istaghosti, 10/8/2011)

Therefore, though BCS:

- a) himself admits that he is behaving in the capacity of one who is no different to a ritvik priest;

- b) is a member of the GBC and is supposed to obey them;

he acts contrary to his own admissions and the authority of the GBC to ensure that he is promoted as being on the same level as Srila Prabhupada. This fits in with the pattern we documented with pictures in our 100 Contradictions book of BCS receiving lavish Vyasa-Puja worship even after insisting that he will not receive such worship, since such worship should only be offered to Srila Prabhupada!

fered to Srila Prabhupada!

Product of sex desire

So when one promotes oneself:

- a) as being on a level which they themselves admit they are not on;

- b) as being on a level on par with Srila Prabhupada;

- c) as being on a level that is expressly forbidden by the managing authority of which one is a member;

it is clear evidence of an overwhelming personal motivation to be adored. Such a desire for adoration, along with the desire for profit and distinction, is nothing but the product of sex desire and is rooted in the mode of passion:

"bhakti-yoga leads to gradual evaporation of the sex desire, which is summarized in three headings, namely profit, adoration and distinction. All conditioned souls are mad after these different forms of sex desire, and one shall see for himself how much he has been freed from such material hankerings based primarily on the sex desire."

(Srimad-Bhagavatam, 2:2:12, purport)

"Persons in the mode of passion arrange to be worshiped by subordinates and let them wash their feet and offer riches."

(Bhagavad-gita As It Is, 17:18, purport)

Additionally, BCS, by his own admission, is receiving a false honour, because he is not acting on the level of Srila Prabhupada, as a "Divine Grace", but rather acting no different to any preacher who brings people to Srila Prabhupada's teachings and movement:

"Although such demoniac people are most abominable in the world, still, by artificial means, the world creates a false honor for them. Although they are gliding toward hell, they consider themselves very much

advanced."

(Bhagavad-gita As It Is, 16:10, purport)

This desire to be honoured also disqualifies one from surrendering to Krishna:

"For one who is always expecting some honor in this material world, it is not possible to surrender to the Supreme Person."

(Bhagavad-gita As It Is, 15:5, purport)

Conclusion

The guru hoaxer position, with its attendant fawning disciples, is the vehicle via which one is able to fulfil one's personal motivations for profit, adoration and distinction ("PAD"). And it is because of this desire for "PAD" that the guru hoaxers are unable in practice to give up their guru position, even though via their words they have been forced to agree with the IRM. However, this desire for "PAD" is not dependent on the guru hoaxer position, but can be fulfilled by any suitable vehicle. For example, "The Great Guru Hoax, Part 3" cleverly utilises the ploy of ostensibly opposing the guru hoax position in order to actually garner position, power and property for oneself. And the deviations of philanthropy, Hinduisation, secularisation and commercialisation, which also do not depend on the guru hoaxer post, are also driven by the desire for "PAD", since they assist in making money (profit) and in getting honour and respect from others (adoration and distinction). In this way, the desire for "PAD" explains the personal motivation that is generating the many deviations we have documented in BTP, with the guru hoax merely being a prominent example. For the root cause of all these deviations is the result the deviation seeks to achieve, with the deviation merely being the means.

ISKCON guru follows BTP's lead

In BTP 30, the article "ISKCON's new mission" summarised what we had been detailing from the very outset – that today's ISKCON is a completely different mission to that started by Srila Prabhupada in 1966, having turned instead into a deviant, secularised, commercialised, pseudo-yoga, quasi-Hindu group. Now one prominent ISKCON guru, HH Bhakti Vikash Swami ("BVKS"), who has previously been featured in BTP attacking us, has taken our lead straight after the publication of our article, and himself launched an unprecedented 3-hour attack on ISKCON, agreeing *in toto* with every point made by us! This continues the trend which we have documented for a number of years, of more and more ISKCON leaders being forced by the IRM's preaching to agree with the conclusions of the IRM.

Statements by BVKS are from a lecture he gave in Salem, Tamil Nadu, India on August 24th, 2011, and a follow-up lecture on October 10th, 2011. Quotes from BTP are from the aforementioned article.

Today's ISKCON is completely deviant

The conclusion of the BTP article stated:

"Having left Srila Prabhupada behind, ISKCON's leadership has naturally also left behind Srila Prabhupada's movement and teachings, with top to bottom deviation in every sphere."

BVKS agrees:

"the *ritvik-vadis* [...] they go through all lectures [...] they'll probably love this one! [...] our movement's basically off the track and not properly following Srila Prabhupada. I know this is very discouraging [...] things are not philosophically in order in our movement [...] ISKCON has changed, and my contention is that it's become more mundane, and it's getting worse, and we are inured to that. 'Inured'

means there's something bad, you get used to it so that you just think that it's normal. [...] It's too far gone. [...] So I don't think anything at this point is going to change [...] So then I thought, well that's, you know, that just shows our movement's a *sahajiya*¹ movement [...] But it is difficult to train people within the present ISKCON Society when there are all these *mayavada*² and *sahajiya* influences. I mean just like, for instance, there's thousands of things we could say."

¹Pseudo-devotees

²Impersonalist, atheistic philosophy

Having demonstrated BVKS's complete capitulation to the overall conclusion of the BTP article, below we also detail his agreement on the individual points made in the BTP article.

ISKCON engaged in deviant deity worship

BTP article states:

"Even when Krishna is worshipped in ISKCON temples, non-authorised methods have been introduced to accommodate popular culture."

BVKS states:

"One thing that Srila Prabhupada – he wrote that 'I am very afraid that after I leave, the Deity worship standard will be diminished.' But it is. It's become accepted within our Society. [...] So the standards have in many cases very much diminished. So that's a serious problem."

ISKCON not based on Srila Prabhupada's books

BTP article states:

"The Bhaktivedanta Book Trust (BBT) routinely publishes and distributes non-Bhaktivedanta books, in which Srila Prabhupada's radical message is watered-down. [...] Additionally, many of the ISKCON guru hoaxers are also push-

ing the distribution of their own books in competition with Srila Prabhupada's books."

BVKS states:

"In some places the idea is that, it's openly promoted that, 'Well, Prabhupada's books, they're too difficult to understand so we have other books by other people, by other members of ISKCON. [...] They have to read other books and they distribute these other books.'"

ISKCON engaged in demigod worship

BTP article states:

"ISKCON temples are no longer the preserve for the exclusive worship of Krishna, with the worship of demigods now occurring alongside the worship of Krishna."

BVKS states:

"You know people are initiated and they don't have any idea that they're not supposed to worship demigods."

ISKCON engaged in mundane education

BTP article states:

"With a view to being recognised and 'accredited' by the State, ISKCON has largely abandoned its *gurukula* system of education, in favour of various initiatives which promote secular education."

BVKS states:

"So like this, schools and colleges, Srila Prabhupada was very clearly against mundane education which is why he set up *gurukulas*. Nowadays, schools in ISKCON, they proudly announce that 'Our school is affiliated with the Cambridge Board'."

ISKCON engaged in mundane philanthropy

BTP article states:

"To appear mainstream, ISKCON is active today in a whole host of various philanthropic causes

which have no connection to any Krishna conscious activities prescribed by Srila Prabhupada [...] such activities are condemned by Srila Prabhupada: 'They are very much puffed up, that 'We are doing this, opening hospital and school, and philanthropism, nationalism.' Is there any such thing in the *Bhagavad-gita*?'"

BVKS states:

"So if we tell people that, 'You see, we're helping people, you should donate because we're building hospitals and schools, then we are, by not informing them that the actual welfare work for all living beings is to surrender to Krishna, and encouraging them to act in a manner which they already with, but which is *maya*³, we're actually encouraging them to be in *maya*. [...] Who will dare to make such an accusation, that the bodily welfare work being carried out within ISKCON is deceiving others and ourselves?'"

³illusion

Academic confirmation of ISKCON deviation

BTP article states:

"Academics whom ISKCON has specifically invited to study the movement, provide independent confirmation of the fact that ISKCON has completely diluted its spiritual purity to launch effectively what is a new movement, different from that established by Srila Prabhupada." [Quotation from Burke Rochford, *Hare Krishna Transformed*, follows.]

BVKS states:

"There's even a whole book written about it called *Hare Krishna Transformed*, by E. Burke Rochford, Jr. about how the movement has deliberately changed from what Prabhupada instituted."

The above is just a brief summary of BVKS agreeing with BTP's

points. BVKS gives many more examples of ISKCON's wholesale deviation – for example, he also says that a GBC member has told him that ISKCON Mayapur is run by a mafia!

The cause – the guru hoaxers

BVKS states that the cause of this mass deviation within ISKCON is the leaders of the movement, since none of them are even on the level of being a *brahmana* (learned, scholarly priest who acts as the leader of society):

"So these are just some examples of how those who are the leaders seem to be very much misleading, themselves not properly situated. [...] So Srila Prabhupada always said about *varnasrama*⁴ that the first thing is to get the *brahmana* order, then the others can follow, because if the head is not in order, even if you have healthy body, if the head is not in order then the whole functioning becomes useless or disarranged. So still the need is there to get the head in order because – I have given some examples and I'll give some more – the best is yet to come in this lecture – of how things are not philosophically in order in our movement. [...] We're still at the stage of needing to get the *brahmana* order in proper shape."

⁴social and spiritual classification

The leadership of this movement, of course, is the guru hoaxers, with ISKCON members getting guidance via their gurus and the GBC, who are also virtually all gurus! Obviously, if none of these leaders are even on the level of being *brahmanas*, the question of them acting as "good as God" *diksa* gurus does not even arise:

"And without becoming *brahmana*, nobody can become guru. That is also fact."

(Srila Prabhupada Lecture, 13/12/1972)

And since BVKS himself has also represented the same deviat-

ed movement for so many years – the deviations he has decided to criticise now have been occurring for many years – he is just as complicit in this deviation, and this also renders him unfit to act as a "good as God" *diksa* guru.

BVKS is, therefore, both charging the guru hoaxers as being the cause of all ISKCON's deviations, and conceding they should not be posing as *diksa* gurus.

Solution 1 – Back To Prabhupada!

"my proposition which is no doubt controversial, is that ISKCON isn't on track, so if you help that you're not really helping anything [...] the good news is that you still can follow Srila Prabhupada. Whatever anyone does to change this way and that way, Prabhupada's books are still there, Prabhupada he knew. He put his books out. He said that even if everyone goes away, my books are there, and by reading the books people will again take it up."

BVKS is here advocating exactly what the IRM states – that we should follow Srila Prabhupada by consulting and applying his orders as given directly by him, rather than following them via the medium of the current ISKCON institution, which as we just noted in the last section, means via the agency of the guru hoaxers.

Solution 2 – Copy BTP!

Just 2 years ago BVKS claimed that *BTP* was not spiritual because it contained criticism:

"So the main thing they're doing in their magazine is... is...is just finding faults with Vaisnavas. They're more concerned with that than in glorifying Krishna, which is what Prabhupada did. So how anyone can benefit from that I don't know because benefit comes from glorifying Krishna and glorifying His

devotees. Not from simply saying this is wrong, that is wrong. So we don't find it very spiritual. The whole thing is just criticism."
(BVKS Lecture, 9/2/2009)

Now he has done an amazing flip-flop, by not only agreeing that such criticism is required and engaging in it nonstop for 3 hours, but by also engaging in *exactly* the same criticisms found in *BTP*, stating that such criticism is needed in order to rectify matters:

"I made several attempts to go through the GBC. Somehow or other it's all ended...it's very frustrating. [...] So people may say I'm hypercritical, although it could also be said that it's just realistic [...] There may be the effect that some people will criticise me for being overly critical of others [...]
Sometimes it's necessary to say things which are unpleasant, otherwise there's no question of rectifying them."

So BVKS is conceding that the solution to the problems is to do exactly the same as what *BTP* has done for many years – not rely on the GBC, but expose these deviations so they can be rectified.

PAD strikes again!

1) BVKS was very careful in his lecture, after having criticised everything else under the sun, to not directly speak one word against the guru hoax, and even adds:

"ritvik-vadis [...] I'm not supporting that as a solution"

(Though as we have documented in the previous sections, despite his best efforts, he does actually end up inadvertently condemning the guru hoax and supporting the message of *BTP* as a solution).

2) Subsequently BVKS meekly followed the directions of the same GBC leadership he had condemned as being completely deviant, to remove his lecture from his website.

3) After removing his lecture, he also at that time stated that if he was actually honest he would leave the movement:

"I mean I can go on with what I'm doing within ISKCON, but I feel uncomfortable representing a movement in which there's so many things which I disagree with, which I feel we've deviated from Prabhupada. So maybe I should just be honest and leave the movement."

But he has decided to remain dishonest, not leave the movement, and instead continue representing what he claims is a deviated, bogus movement.

The reason for all these actions above is simple – BVKS is himself a fully-fledged guru hoaxer, and has had his nose in the same guru gravy-train trough with its disciples and attendant benefits, being worshipped as good as God, for 20 years. His actions, therefore, do not follow his words, since he does not wish to give up his position in any way, and therefore he has tried as best as possible to ensure that no matter what, his own personal guru hoax and disciple worship are not compromised in any way.

So having himself effectively condemned both his and everyone else's eligibility to be a *diksa* guru, due to the desire for profit, adoration and distinction (PAD), just as explained in the previous article, he cannot act on his statements.

Conclusion

As we have demonstrated repeatedly, the same persons who initially were opposing our message, are being forced to concede and accept our position. Philosophically and intellectually the debate continues to be won, and the message of "Back To Prabhupada" continues to permeate to all levels of ISKCON and elsewhere. Unfortunately, due to the desire for PAD, and the *Kali-yuga* trait of hypocrisy, practical actions are still to follow the words.

Quotes, Notes and News (QNN)

Guru hoax losing support at all levels

As has been noted previously, the IRM has succeeded in influencing ISKCON to such an extent that the content of *BTP* is now increasingly featuring how more and more devotees in ISKCON, from the grassroots level to the highest ranks, are agreeing with our views, rather than *BTP* having to defend and debate these views! Indeed, we have just read HH Bhakti Vikash Swami's ringing endorsement of the same points *BTP* made regarding ISKCON's wholesale deviation. This seismic shift has continued to reach official representation as we reveal here. **Dayarama Das ("DD")**, is a member of ISKCON's official legal governing body for India, the **Indian Bureau**, and is also the **Chairman** of its legal committee. It was in this official capacity that he appeared on Indian television to represent ISKCON's Indian leadership in a series of debates with ISKCON Bangalore Temple President Madhu Pandit Das ("MPD"). The excerpts below are taken from these debates and they reveal that not only does DD not agree with ISKCON's guru system, but that instead he sympathises with the view of the guru system which was put forward by MPD in a presentation MPD made to the GBC in 1999 (made jointly with the then ISKCON Calcutta Temple President Adridharana Das) - a presentation made due to having been convinced by *The Final Order*, which is the IRM's foundational document. (The presentation itself was taken from an IRM paper called *The No Change in ISKCON Paradigm* - available at: www.iskconirm.com/docs/webpages/no_change_in_iskcon_paradigm.htm)

TV anchor: "So till '99 there was a big rebellion against these 11 people. So later you took the

lead of this Bangalore ISKCON or what?"

MPD: "In 1999 for the first time, those who were having a reform movement within ISKCON, the literature created by them, *The Final Order*, came to me. I knew that all this was going on, but I had thought that these 11 people were appointed by Prabhupada. With that faith, we went along."

TV anchor: "Mr Dayarama Das, I'll just ask you one question. Did he (MPD) make a presentation in which he questioned the gurus? Did he call them 'bogus'?"

Dayarama Das: "I sympathise with him. He made some presentation, not to Bombay, to the international body, about the issue of guru. I sympathise with him personally, I sympathise with him on that issue, personally. [...] I'm not supporting the gurus, neither I'm a guru, nor I'm the international body member, nor I support their system of gurus. I'm also one of the vocal opponents of it."

(29/5/2011, TV9 & News 9)

Thanks to the IRM, support for the guru hoax is crumbling everywhere. When the person selected to officially represent ISKCON India declares publicly on television that, not only does he not support ISKCON's gurus (which presumably includes his own guru hoaxer, Jayapataka Swami) or the ISKCON guru system, but rather is a vocal opponent of it, this is a sure sign that the guru hoax is finding it hard to get anyone to defend it!

Another guru hoaxer validates IRM mission

The IRM fearlessly exposes the real identity of those masquerading as gurus and *sadhus* in ISKCON by evaluating their words and actions for consistency and integrity. In particular, our two recent book

exposés, *100 Contradictions: The life and teachings of His Holiness Bhakti Charu Swami* and *100 Deviations: The life and teachings of His Holiness Sivarama Swami*, carry out such an evaluation to a level of accuracy, depth and documentation never before done in ISKCON history. And GBC-elected guru hoaxer **HH Varsana Swami**, not only approves of such a mission, but actively encourages it:

"The scriptures and teachers of all true religions warn against false prophets outwardly cloaked as sheep, but inwardly possessing the consciousness of ravenous wolves. To detect the true identity of real *sadhus* (saintly persons), one must evaluate their words and actions for consistency and integrity."

(HH Varsana Swami, Foreword, *Namacarya*, 2010)

After all, according to His Holiness, both the scriptures and teachers of all true religions warn us against such false teachers, and therefore ISKCON should be thanking the IRM for exposing such charlatans.

So His Holiness and the rest of ISKCON can rest assured that we will continue unmasking such "false prophets" by evaluating "their words and actions for consistency and integrity".

"Our business is to point out who is not a saint."

(Srila Prabhupada, Morning Walk, 10/4/1974)

Contradiction 101

How is it possible to spout out an immediate contradiction virtually every single time one opens one's mouth? Yet it seems that ISKCON GBC guru hoaxer **HH Bhakti Charu Swami ("BCS")** manages to do so effortlessly!

In his *Vyasa-Puja* offering to Srila Prabhupada this year he claims Srila Prabhupada spoke many times about initiations in



Srila Prabhupada:
"Our business is to point out who is not a saint"

ISKCON after his disappearance:

"So many times you spoke about such important topics, such as *varnasrama*, initiation in ISKCON after your disappearance, and our relationship with the Gaudia Matha, but due to my immaturity I could not quite grasp them and they just went flying over my head."

(BCS, *Vyasa-Puja* Offering to Srila Prabhupada 2011, emphases added)

He had earlier told us the exact opposite, that Srila Prabhupada did not say anything clearly about initiations in ISKCON after his disappearance:

"I must also admit that Srila Prabhupada did not say anything very clearly about how the initiation system in ISKCON should be after his disappearance from this planet."

(BCS, Day 3, LA Seminar, 'Questions and Answers', Published on June 11, 2000)

How is it possible to accept or believe anything which comes from the mouth of such a person, who seems to just make it up as he goes along?

And yet, this person is feted as being not just a fountain of wisdom and truth, but also a self-realised spiritual master to boot!

For information on the book that contains 100 more contradictions from BCS, please see opposite.

BTP Interactive

Academic praise for 100 Contradictions book

“A perusal of 100 Contradictions flatly exposes the inherent contradiction and chaos in the GBC. One fails to understand why they turn a deaf ear to such crystal-clear facts. Lord Krsna alone knows what transpires in their minds.”

- Professor Prafulla C. Mishra, Head of English Department, Jawaharlal Nehru (Government) College, Pasighat, Arunachal Pradesh, India



100 Contradictions:
The life and teachings of
His Holiness Bhakti Charu Swami



100 Contradictions: The life and teachings of His Holiness Bhakti Charu Swami, available free of charge by writing to: irm@iskconirm.com - Ed.

Further appreciation for 100 Contradictions

“Many thanks for the latest issue of this and the book 100 Contradictions, I’m finding it fascinating, and it is undoubtedly very important. Thanks.”

- Ben Pettigrew, Faculty of Humanities, University of Winchester, England

“Just writing to inform you that I received your latest BTP and the 100 Contradictions booklet. Thanks very much for sending these, and keep up the excellent work. Thanks again.”

- Dan Slater, Wanniasa, Australia

No time to waste

“Please rush me BTP magazines

as well as The Final Order. Anxious to know the truth. Hare Krishna!”

- Sita Lila Devi Dasi, Christchurch, New Zealand

“Please please send me The Final Order, the BTP Special Issue, and the latest BTP magazine. Thanks for the immense service you continue to do. Hare Krsna!”

- Lorena, Mayapur, India

BTP and Krishna saved me from false ISKCON

“I’m reading the Special Summary Issue of BTP and I’m really glad to have come across this information. Thank you for putting it out there. I think it’s really great to know about this as I’m new - one “guru” already tried to meet with me because he found out I’m Canadian. Luckily, Krishna didn’t want us to meet and he has already left Mayapur.”

- Almira Elbanna, Ontario, Canada

“Thanks for curing my illusion of the false ISKCON. I wish to revive this movement.”

- Amarananda Rao, Bangalore, India

“Hare Krishna. I was about to get trapped in by the mayavadi (impersonalist - Ed.) modern ISKCON. Thanks to IRM, I am saved. I would like to become an active member of IRM and serve our eternal guru Srila Prabhupada - with my life if required. Haribol.”

- Soumik Dey, Kolkata, India

Thankless task

“Hare Krishna and all glories to Prabhupada!

I wish to acknowledge and thank you sincerely for posting to me the Summary Issue as requested. This confirms in an excellent and measured manner the unfortunate errors that have been made, but gives the simple solution, a return to how ISKCON should and could be. Thank you again for all of these good efforts to help get ISKCON back to where it needs to go, Srila Prabhupada’s ISKCON.

This mission to halt and rectify the decline in ISKCON desperately needs to succeed. By anyone’s so-

ber observations the current policies are sadly failing. A corporate style, state influenced/controlled Hinduised and sanitised ISKCON is manifesting. The ‘wages for sages’, for example, is tainting the heritage of His Divine Grace. For myself, I have all but given up with ISKCON, so I fully admire any good persons who will persist in trying the thankless task of returning to the core and essence of ISKCON, i.e. HIS DIVINE GRACE SRILA PRABHUPADA. ALL GLORIES, ALL GLORIES, ALL GLORIES TO HIM.”

- Andrew Davitt, Nottingham, England

Restore Srila Prabhupada’s mission

“ISKCON has become a selfish society, temple presidents society, and finally GBC society!”

- Sakshi Gopala Das, Andhra Pradesh, India

“All Srila Prabhupada’s teaching has to remain “As it is.” Haribol.”

- David Schreck, California, USA

“Hare Krishna prabhuj!

First of all I would like to thank you for exposing many rascals. I would like to help you in restoring the glory of ISKCON. I am with you. Please tell me what I could do for you. This mission is very important.”

- Ankit Vora, Michigan, USA

“Please help restore the purity of Srila Prabhupada’s efforts.”

- Radha Govinda Swami, Alachua, USA

“I am eager to learn more about the root cause of the problems in ISKCON. I have been associated with the movement for many years and would like to see the movement flourishing again. Many thanks.”

- MD Hanif Seikh, Mayapur, India

What changed after Srila Prabhupada’s departure?

“Hare Krishna! For a long time I have been visiting ISKCON, and all that time I have a feeling that something is wrong there. I am familiar with scandals that have happened around the world in ISKCON and in Croatia. Please forgive me for say-

ing this, but very often I ask myself, ‘did someone change something in Srila Prabhupada books after his departure?’ Otherwise, not one ISKCON guru ever made a good impression on me, and my feelings rarely get me wrong. I would like to know more about Srila Prabhupada’s instructions. Truly,”

- Jasenka Antulov, Zagreb, Croatia

Editor replies:

Unfortunately, the whole movement was changed after Srila Prabhupada’s departure, beginning with the displacement of Srila Prabhupada as the guru of ISKCON by deviant disciples who themselves took on the role of diksa (initiating) gurus without any authorisation from Srila Prabhupada. This led to the problems and scandals you speak of. The only solution is to restore Srila Prabhupada as ISKCON’s sole diksa guru, both in name and deed. And that is the mission of the IRM and Back To Prabhupada.

How do I donate?

“Hare Krishna! I would like to thank you for all the issues of Back To Prabhupada that have been kindly sent to me over the last years. I was first blessed with knowing devotees in Venice, California in 1970 and have actively followed ISKCON until about 1985 when I began to notice changes in the movement in southern California. Knowing that you are actively following Srila Prabhupada’s directives gives me hope! I would like to send a donation to help you with this very worthy cause, but I have not noted any ways to do so. Would you please let me know how I may donate to IRM? All glories to Srila Prabhupada. And again, many, many thanks.”

- Michael Butler, Long Beach, California, USA

Editor replies:

Yes, this is deliberate as we do not solicit money. However, for those who insist on donating, we will inform them privately how they may do so. Thank you for writing.

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ISKCON ruining Prabhupada's image

"In my 40 years in the USA I have found several bad devotees of Prabhupada (as they say), and we take no action to correct/improve them? They are ruining Prabhupada's image? The existing system should be STRONG to protect the Hare Krishna Movement worldwide. We must establish CHECK POINTS throughout the world.

Your response will greatly be appreciated. Hare Krishna."

- Hasmukh Barot, California, USA

Editor replies:

We completely agree with you that there have been, and still are, several "bad devotees". This is only to be expected when those who are supposed to be the leaders have themselves been amongst the worst culprits of such bad behaviour. Not only the ISKCON "diksa gurus", but the "ecclesiastical leaders", the GBC (Governing Body Commission) - even those in the minority who are not ISKCON diksa gurus - have exhibited bad behaviour.

It is even admitted by ISKCON that the ISKCON diksa gurus have sullied Srila Prabhupada's image!

"FACT: ISKCON gurus have opposed, oppressed and driven out many sincere godbrothers and godsisters.

FACT: ISKCON gurus have usurped and misused money, and diverted other ISKCON resources for their own personal prestige and sense gratification.

FACT: ISKCON gurus have had illicit sexual intercourse with both women and men, and possibly children as well."

(Where The Rttvik People Are Right, ISKCON GBC voted-in guru HH Jayadvaita Swami, 1996)

You are also correct that stro-

ng checks must be made to protect ISKCON from bogus gurus. This was specifically recommended by Srila Prabhupada:

Bhavananda: "There will be men, I know. There will be men who want to try and pose themselves as guru."

Tamala Krishna: "That was going on many years ago. Your Godbrothers were thinking like that. Madhava Maharaja..."

Bhavananda: "Oh, yes. Oh, ready to jump."

Srila Prabhupada: "Very strong management required and vigilant observation."

(Room Conversation, 27/5/1977, emphasis added)

In the absence of any members of ISKCON's GBC standing up for Srila Prabhupada and speaking out against the bogus gurus, the IRM has taken on this task, and is, thereby, adopting the strong action and checks you speak of in order to protect Srila Prabhupada's ISKCON and Srila Prabhupada's image from these guru hoaxers.

Ready for the revolution

"Lord Caitanya is the Father of the Spiritual Revolution. He recommended that one can freely chant Hare Krsna Maha-Mantra anywhere, anytime. No need for temple or church - why so much money needed to propagate ISK-CON??? The holy name is free..."

Too much planning and planning and planning inside ISKCON. A revolution within ISKCON first!!!!!! South Africa is ready for Krishna consciousness. ISKCON wake up!"

- Parmanandan Gopal Naidoo, Eastern Cape, South Africa

Why should we fight?

"I know you are sincerely trying to serve Srila Prabhupada, but I'm of the opinion that any reforms or changes that need to be made

should be made within ISKCON itself rather than to attack it from the outside. I think this is what Srila Prabhupada wants."

- Daniel Swanson, Tulsa, Oklahoma, USA

Editor replies:

Thank you for your suggestion. As regards to what "Srila Prabhupada wants", there is no need for us to speculate on this point. We simply have to refer to Srila Prabhupada's instructions to determine what he wants. In respect of whether we should be "attacking" those who claim that Srila Prabhupada is not the guru any longer, Srila Prabhupada has given us the correct mode of action to follow:

"You can eulogize your Guru Maharaja, but you have to learn it and face the public and be strong to defend yourself. That is success. Not by praising your Guru Maharaja. You'll praise your Guru Maharaja. That is not very difficult. But be victorious to the opposing elements. Then you will praise your Guru Maharaja nicely. At home, you can praise your Guru Maharaja, and Guru Maharaja be satisfied, "Oh, my disciples are praising me." That is not very...That is good. Respectful. That is the qualification. But you have to fight. Then your Guru Maharaja will be glorified."

(Srila Prabhupada, Room Conversation, 26/12/1975, emphases added)

Through BTP and our other publications, we are fighting the anti-Prabhupada forces in order to establish the truth about Srila Prabhupada and his instructions for ISKCON. Thus, our fight is not with weapons, but with philosophy and logic, exactly in accordance with Srila Prabhupada's guidelines:

"Krsna has two engagements: paritrana sadhunam vin-

asaya ca duskrtam (Bg. 4.8), giving protection to the sadhus, the devotees, and killing the demons. Krsna gave protection to the Pandavas and Vrsnis because they were devotees, and He also killed demons like Kamsa, Aghasura, and Bakasura. Of the two engagements, His killing of the demons was His major occupation. If we examine how much time He devoted to killing and how much time He devoted to protecting, we shall find that He devoted more time to killing. Similarly, those who are Krsna conscious should also kill - not by weapons but by logic, by reasoning, and by education. If one is a demon, we can use logic and arguments to kill his demoniac propensities and turn him into a devotee, a saintly person. Especially in this present age, Kaliyuga, people are already poverty stricken, and physical killing is too much for them. They should be killed by argument, reasoning, and scientific spiritual understanding."

(Teachings of Queen Kunti, chapter 24, emphasis added)

Thus, through BTP's "logic", "reasoning", "education", "argument" and "scientific spiritual understanding" we are "killing the demons" (i.e. those who have usurped Srila Prabhupada's position). This is evidenced by the growing number of ISKCON gurus who are now preaching the same as the IRM, as copiously documented in previous issues of BTP, particularly BTP Special Issue No. 2 - "ISKCON Leaders: In their own words". Hence, since the IRM specifically concentrates on reaching out to ISKCON, due to our preaching, ISKCON members and ISKCON's stance are changing, and we are effecting the changes and reforms within ISKCON that you speak of. Furthermore, it is only



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concerned well-wishers and supporters of ISKCON who would engage in reforming and reviving the real ISKCON anyway, so there is no question of being on the "outside" (although one may not be living within the walls of the "official" institution itself or not be considered an official member by the "authorities").

Is there any real guru?

"Just starting chanting, reading a lot of books. But after some research, I read about the ISKCON scandals and gurus. I'm feeling sad, so sad, because this makes me want to forget all about it. I've dropped out of Sant Mat because I understood the Krsna philosophy is personalism, and now we see that we are getting into a gang of bogus gurus. I have no words to express my feelings right now...Is there ANY spiritual organization without scandals, any real guru?????"

- Marcos Marcondes, São Paulo, Brazil

Editor replies:

It is unfortunate that the pure movement which Srila Prabhupada started has been hijacked today by deviants. But there is a real guru today, and this is Srila Prabhupada. His teachings are always pure, and, therefore, you should continue chanting, reading Srila Prabhupada's books and surrendering to him as your guru. The ISKCON Revival Movement (IRM) exists to promote the REAL guru, Srila Prabhupada, and bring about his original ISKCON. We are dedicated to Srila Prabhupada, and our organisation is based on following his truth, not on false gurus and scandals. Therefore, due to this "good news" that Srila Prabhupada lives, and that the pure process and teachings he gave us are still available and allow us to achieve perfection in Krishna consciousness, you do not need to be despondent in any way. Fortunately, the successful practice of Krishna consciousness does not depend

on the current deviated ISKCON, and therefore we can still surrender to Srila Prabhupada and go back to Godhead!

Report from Serbia

"I wish to share some recent developments that I have personally experienced in Serbia.

I was initiated here by Jayapataka Swami in 2003, whilst my father was initiated by him in 2002, and my sister was the first to be initiated in 1997 by Harikesa. Hence I have experienced first-hand so many deviations which have, and are, occurring here. Firstly, by way of a brief background, we can note that ISKCON has had a very bad history in this country, with first Harikesa and then Rohini Suta, two prominent "gurus" for this country falling down into gross sensual deviation. Other ISKCON "gurus" who are now active in this country include Jayapataka and Bir Krishna Goswami. The temple in Belgrade, which is the only temple in the whole country, also closed down for some years, and was only re-opened again a few years ago. I can now report that the situation has simply gone from bad to worse.

The yatra is wracked by separatism, with disciples of the "guru" childishly proclaiming that "My guru is better and stronger than yours... My guru can do this and that... Your guru is less powerful and has no full rights", and so on. I have also attended lectures from these gurus where they are teaching the opposite of Srila Prabhupada's teachings. They were talking about some new way of approaching God and everything else. There is no more direct preaching about Krishna and how to get rid of the clutches of material nature, or how best to serve Srila Prabhupada.

Every weekend when new guests arrive, Srila Prabhupada's murti (sacred deity) is deliberately kept hidden in another room, as it is believed that newcomers may be put

off by seeing it. Similarly, there is great reluctance to speak about Srila Prabhupada, as again it is believed that to do so will put off new people looking for self-realisation.

Experiencing all this led me to be confused and lose faith, but I did not know what was the cause or the solution. Fortunately, a devotee friend of mine, Bhakta Zoki, who had moved to China, was able to come to the rescue. He has already shared his own experiences in BTP issue 24 about how he had been enlightened via the IRM, and he was able to similarly pass on the same information to me, regarding the cause of the problems in ISKCON, as well as their solutions. Soon after, with the help of one devotee I got my first copy of BTP magazine as well as The Final Order book, all in the Serbian language. I thought that I should warn all the devotees about how they are being misled. I started to distribute BTPs to devotees that I considered capable of understanding the real situation and truth, so that they in turn can also help others. My next step was publishing links to the official IRM Serbia website (www.iskconirm.com/Serb.htm) on my Facebook page with comments below every link that everyone should know about the guru hoax. As a result of this, some of the ISKCON devotees called me and threatened me that I should stop doing this. They said that as a result of these IRM literatures many people have left ISKCON, and this is dangerous since they will take up material life again. But that is the whole point. They are ALREADY in material life, since they are not following Srila Prabhupada!

The Krishna Consciousness Movement, if it can even be called this, does not even exist in Belgrade now. Their temple is not even named an 'ISKCON temple' but the "Center for Indian Culture". There are no regular programs and pujas (worship). Srila Prabhupada's murti is not

placed in the temple room but in a room where children of guests and devotees are playing. The Deities are in a house close to the "temple" and they take Them inside once a week when they organize programs. The preaching is totally different to the teachings of Srila Prabhupada. The current situation of ISKCON in Belgrade is not better than some people who are trying to represent some Indian culture, which has nothing to do with Srila Prabhupada's philosophy. Just this week, ISKCON devotees from Belgrade are planning to attack ritvik devotees in Serbia, because a big number of aspirants and devotees are leaving ISKCON due to reading Back To Prabhupada magazine and articles on the official IRM Serbian page, where everything is explained in detail regarding Srila Prabhupada's final order and the guru hoax.

What makes this hoax so regrettable is that I had originally become a devotee since I had discovered that there is a hoax in Christianity. I had joined the church as a child and had many questions regarding God. But instead of getting answers to these questions, I only encountered corruption and cheating. Now, we find that the movement set up to provide an antidote to all these religious hoaxes has itself become afflicted by a hoax. Hence we must take action to reclaim the movement back for Srila Prabhupada. And it is for this reason that I have become active in distributing the IRM's literatures.

I want all future aspirant and current devotees to understand that only the mercy of Srila Prabhupada will bring them on the right spiritual path. He is the only bona fide guru for ISKCON and the one who takes care of our souls, and he is our only hope. He has given us the greatest wealth in his books and teachings, generously bringing them to the Western countries. May the mercy of Srila Prabhupada always be with you."

- Ananda Kirtan Das, Belgrade, Serbia

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Why do we need the IRM?

"If I didn't need you to come to the movement, but just Supersoul's* inspiration, why NOW I NEED YOU?"

*the Lord in the heart

- Sven-Ove Persson, Björnlanda, Sweden

Editor replies:

We have never claimed you need us. Rather, we claim that you need Srila Prabhupada, and you need to surrender to him in the way he has ordered, and not through any self-made or deviant process. To this end we are simply presenting Srila Prabhupada's teachings, and defending them against misrepresentation via the simple process of reading and comparison.

If you have ascertained that what Srila Prabhupada states differs from the misrepresentation currently occurring via the different guru hoaxes and other deviations perpetrated in Srila Prabhupada's name, then this is wonderful. And if you find that the presentation offered in BTP has helped in this in any way, then we are happy to be of service. And we can only assume BTP has been of some continued assistance to you via your participation as a long-time subscriber.

IRM appreciation

"Nice speaking with you. Wishing you well. Hope to attend an IRM meeting."

- A. Robertson, London, England

"Hare Krishna! Thank you very much! I feel blessed!"

- Johannah Scalise, Quebec, Canada

"Love to you all. Keep up God's work. Thank you."

- Peter Sharpe, Bristol, England

"I'm very happy to know the wonderful service you are doing. Hare Krishna."

- Chaitanya Swarup Das, Alicante, Spain

"Thank you for your service of ensuring Srila Prabhupada's mission to stay on track."

- Madhava Varma, Andhra Pradesh, India

"All glories to His Divine Grace

A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. I am confident that Srila Prabhupada will be very proud of your service. Hare Krsna."

- Pancali Devi Dasi, Christchurch, New Zealand

"Thank you so much. Keep up the good work. Haribol!"

- Alberto Cao Novelle, Ecublens, Switzerland

"Lots of thanks to you and your team for spreading Krishna consciousness throughout the world. The spirit may please be continued. God bless you all. Hare Krishna."

- P.N. Kulkarni, Bangalore, India

"Very interested in the truth. Hare Krsna!"

- Michael Zetzer, Butler, Pennsylvania, USA

"Thanks for your great work."

- Varg Levorato, San Vito, Italy

"You are truly Prabhupada's servants who are unlimitedly auspicious for planet earth and all its inhabitants, what to speak of the universe!!!!"

- Anubhavananda Das, Seattle, USA

BTP appreciation

"I received your wonderful magazine back when I was managing the Srila Prabhupada Centennial. Thank you so much."

- Connie Humphrey, California, USA

(Editor's note: this refers to the original BTP, published in the mid-1990s).

"It is good for reading and gives peace of mind."

- B.R. Parimala, Bangalore, India

"Hare Krishna! Dear devotees, we received the issues 28 and 29 of your wonderful magazine. Excellent job!! Srila Prabhupada will help and guide you in your essential work. Thanks again."

- Devadip Ismael Rodriguez, La Coruna, Spain

"I just want to confirm that I have received the copy of BTP. I was really inspired by Bhakta Anthony Amanfor's article. It has given me a renewed sense of hope for the future of our society. Thank you for keeping in touch and I hope that one day ISKCON will be free of corruption and able to deliver Krishna

Consciousness with renewed enthusiasm. After all, ISKCON is Srila Prabhupada, and we are all his family and disciples."

- Pumananda Dasi, Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK

"HARE KRSNA! All glories to H.D.G. A.C. BHAKTIVEDANTA SWAMI PRABHUPADA, the eternal spiritual master of ISKCON and the Jagad-guru of this universe. By his mercy alone we can attain the mercy of Sri Krsna. By his divine grace alone we can make advancement in spiritual life. All glories to Srila Prabhupada, the dearest servant of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Goswami Prabhupada. Hare Krsna."

- Bhakta Anthony Amanfor, New Jersey, USA

"The magazine is fantastic. Many great ideas. Keep it up!"

- Lata Taucoory, Trou d'Eau Douce, Mauritius

"Hare Krishna! Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada!"

No one, not one person, has affected this planet such as he has since Lord Jesus. Thank you over and over....you are keeping Prabhupada in the forefront as he must and should be.

Today I received Issue #29 of Back To Prabhupada. Wow! I have not read any of it yet since it just arrived but the picture on the cover really strikes at my spirit. Prabhupada is handing prasad cookies to devotees.

When I first encountered ISKCON some many years back, one of the phony gurus was also distributing cookies to devotees, but in a different manner. I had not been to any temples often and was more curious than anything. Well, this "guru" was sitting and throwing cookies to devotees while he had them barking on their hands and knees before him. I was disgusted with the whole scene and just left the temple in a hurry. Took some time before I ever went to another one.

Perhaps this is customary? I do not know and have not heard of it. But, to see that picture on your cover warms my heart and spirit.

Thank you so very much."

- Radhanatha Das, Morriston, Florida, USA

"I am very glad that you are doing what you are doing! Keep up the Spiritual War! I love your magazines and have been receiving them for a while. They are very good. I keep them and I am trying to get my friends to read them. Keep up the Krishna Consciousness. Hari Bol!"

- Alexander James Guckenberger, Maryland, USA

"Hare Krishna Prabhus.

I thank you very much for your precious work. I have been reading Back To Prabhupada for 8 years and I want to thank you for your punctuality in the dispatch. Jaya Jagat Guru Srila Prabhupada! Your servant,"

- Isvari Priya Devi Dasi, Firenze, Italy

"Dandabat Pranam, I'm Uttam Roy, my initiated name is Upendra Das. I took diksha from ISKCON Mayapur temple in the year 2003. I'm very interested, and expecting the magazine of the real Hare Krishna movement."

- Upendra Das, Navadvip, India

"Hare Krishna, Krishnakant Prabhuj. I am very grateful to you for sending this wonderful publication. Keep up the excellent work. You are doing a great service to Srila Prabhupada. Srila Prabhupada Ki Jai. Haribol!"

- Krishna Das, Bangalore, India

"I would like to have a copy as it enlightens us regarding those who are taking us for a ride and deviating from the path Srila Prabhupada wanted us to take to become a good devotee of Lord Shri Krishna."

- O. Saini, Nairobi, Kenya

"Dear friends, Hare Krishna!

I am from Brazil, from the city of Sorocaba -Sao Paulo.

I received the magazines Back To Prabhupada. They are fantastic and I am so inspired with them. I'm talking and spreading the news to my friends. I am trying to do my task to help.

Thank you so much! Haribol!"

- Mark Soller, Sorocaba, Brazil



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"Great pleasure reading the books."

- Chandi Chitranjali, Hyderabad, India

"Hare Krishna! Please accept my humble obeisances.

I do not wish to miss any of this blessed literature. Jaya Radhe Govinda!"

- Michael Hand, Melkbosstrand, South Africa

"This magazine is very good and knowledgable for devotees and readers. I am very interested to read it. Please send me it regularly."

- Dr. Gyanaranjan Panda, Tirupati, India

"I accidentally came across a copy of BTP magazine, which has inspired me to know the truth, and the teachings of Srila Prabhupada."

- Sanjeev Bijlani, Pune, India

"It's nice to know about the final orders of Srila Prabhupada. I want to know about the present circumstances of ISKCON."

- Aditya Mishra, Indore, India

"I would love to read Back To Prabhupada. I have a firm belief that he is the only guru. I have found the truth through his books. Hare Krsna. Haribol."

- Nelson Pillay, Richards Bay, South Africa

"Dear Prabhus,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada and the nice devotees who are striving to have this philosophy of Bhakti Yoga spread throughout the world as His Divine Grace taught it to us.

Indeed, I have received Issue #29 as of this writing, and I can't wait to get started reading it! It's rather interesting...earlier today I was wondering...hmmm...when's the next BTP mag coming out - and, lo and behold!"

- Roger "Raj" Leonard, Illinois, USA

"I would like to re-subscribe as I realize the truth in Back To Prabhupada and that Srila Prabhupada is the shaktyavesha avatar for this yuga (divinely empowered personality for this age - Ed.). Hare Krishna."

- Ram Das Adhikari, Ohio, USA

"I have read Back To Prabhupada. It is a great initiative."

- Madan Singh, Jaipur, India

"Haribol Prabhu,

Thank you very much for sending me the copies of Back To Prabhupada and The Final Order book. I have read through the magazines and have found them interesting and informative. I am glad that someone is looking out for the betterment of ISKCON as I feel that they have fallen short of the standards set by Srila Prabhupada, and at times have actively torn apart aspects of ISKCON that Srila Prabhupada had established, and done a disservice to the Krsna Consciousness movement at large. Thank you again for your work."

- Jakob Free, California, USA

"I read your magazine on the internet and I fully agree with all the material. I believe that is urgently needed. We devotees understand that there is a big farce in ISKCON and with its leaders. Those who can see all this deception, we are quite alone, at least in my country, Argentina. I send a cordial greeting and I am entirely at your service. Thanks for being there so blessed with the task of clarifying who is the real guru to lead us to Sri Krishna and thus do not fall into the deception of these unscrupulous Gurus."

- Jagadananda Das, Buenos Aires, Argentina

"Dear Sri Krishnakant Prabhu,

Please accept my humble respect and kindest regards.

I am very eager to read the quarterly published Back To Prabhupada, because Srila Prabhupada is the only genuine guru. Kindly send me a copy of The Final Order book as well."

- Mada Naik, Karnataka, India

"Back To Prabhupada gives a clear-cut description of what is happening within the ISKCON society and its members with striking facts."

- Sangam Dheeraj Chetram, Flacq, Mauritius

Coming to Prabhupada via The Final Order

"Thank you very much for taking risk for Srila Prabhupada. I was very much satisfied when I read the book THE FINAL ORDER."

- Chandrasekhar, Bangalore, India

"I finished the book The Final Order and I became even more convinced that the goal and the intention of Krishnakant prabhu and the IRM are holy and pure. This is real happiness for me because the "goal justifies the means". I can only appreciate the book. It was really enthralling and amusing to read. For me, it was very assuring that by the mercy of the IRM I know that Srila Prabhupada is the direct spiritual master of all of us, and I am not less or out of mercy compared to others because I don't have a physically present guru. I rather feel compassion towards those whose hearts have been broken by seeing their gurus fall down.

Not to speak of the many precious Vaisnavas who left the movement and turned away from it because of this disappointment. Some of them completely turned away even from Srila Prabhupada, unfortunately. For a real humble, loving-hearted devotee (especially if he looks at his guru as good as God), it must be a big crisis to lose his guru. But this becomes impossible and absurd if one understands that Srila Prabhupada is the only empowered acarya and guru for all the devotees on earth. I would just silently ask: the misleading of the mass of devotees intentionally which results in a lot of schizophrenic, broken down humble souls, is not considered to be killing of the soul? I say it even more silently that: It was done for profit, with pre-considered, bad intentions. (I didn't mention the "mad elephant" offense against His Divine Grace). I wouldn't be in their "skin". If I am not wrong, they are in a worse situation than most of us I guess...I honestly wish their enlightenment.

My heart is very much grateful to you, because by your mercy I became undoubtedly assured and convinced that I have a guru, and it is very liberating that this guru is Srila Prabhupada himself. God give me the mercy to never ever forget that: if I serve him I can't go wrong and my advancement is ensured. All my appreciations and my respects for your book. It is excellently done (I could say, it is perfect). Even by reading the first pages, it is clear that it is written very intelligently. I must admit that it was sometimes heavyweight for my less intelligent "head". I am sure I need to read it again and may be not only once more, to fully understand everything. It may be not a problem that a fool like myself needs more reading and concentration. In fact, that it is not too much philosophical, it is an enjoyable to read, brilliant book, and the conclusion is warming the heart.

My heart is very thankful for this book! Thank you very much for the mercy! I feel like the man who is drowning in stool, and just before disappearing completely, a hand is pulling him out. I am convinced that this hand is very strong. I have no doubt I got a big exceptional chance, the only question is that will I have enough strength and faith? I honestly wish that you keep up this important mission, and with strength and determination work for this goal for as long as you can.

Please help me to be engaged in this mission's activities. Your insignificant servant."

- Richard Verebelyi, Budapest, Hungary (translated from Hungarian)

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“All our devotees are supposed to be *brahmanas*”

In his 1999 paper, “ISKCON and Varnasrama Dharma: A Mission Unfulfilled”, former GBC chairman and ISKCON guru and leader, HG Ravindra Svarupa Das, stated very frankly that ISKCON had no *brahmanas*, and therefore no brain:

“The first and foremost is that ISKCON - I put it starkly - has no brain. [...] You will recall that Prabhupada originally thought that ISKCON would perform the brahminical function for the rest of society - ‘I have come to give you a brain.’ [...] My proposal, therefore, for establishing *varnasrama-dharma* in ISKCON, and even in the society at large, is first of all to take the first step and do everything needed to form a proper community of *brahmanas*. [...] If this first step is taken, and ISKCON is thus given a brain, then I am sure we shall be in a better position to know where to go further.”

On pages 4-5, we have another ISKCON guru and leader, HH Bhakti Vikash Swami, confirming that the situation today remains the same, and that even this first step has yet to be taken, and ISKCON still has no brain or *brahmanas*:

“So still the need is there to get the head in order [...] We’re still at the stage of needing to get the *brahmana* order in proper shape. [...] So these are just some examples of how those who are the leaders seem to be very much misleading, themselves not properly situated. [...] our movement’s basically off the track and not properly following Srila Prabhupada.” (BVKS Lecture, 24/8/11)

On the contrary, he claims that ISKCON is full of *sudras*:

“Numerous devotees who have been initiated for ten years or more, and are even *brahmana*-initiated, have not read all of Srila Prabhupada’s books, and apparently have never thought of doing so. They are depriving themselves of the nectar of Srila Prabhupada’s association and guidance—maybe due to lack of time, a *sudra*-like mentality (being preoccupied with working hard and earning money), having little interest in philosophy, wasting their life watching TV or on the internet, or reading other books apart from Srila Prabhupada’s.” (BVKS Lecture, 10/11/11)

This means that ISKCON is headless, and being headless, not only can it not guide society, but will itself be degenerating into deviation and materialism, being unable to understand and follow Srila Prabhupada’s instructions. And as we have documented in *BTP*, this is exactly what has happened.

This situation needs to be contrasted with what Srila Prabhupada actually expected from ISKCON, as we see below:

ISKCON devotees should be *brahmanas*

“Actually all our devotees are supposed to be *brahmanas*. A *brahmana*’s business is to preach the glories of the Lord, to learn the essence of Vedic knowledge—Kṛṣṇa Consciousness—and to teach others of the same knowledge.”

(Srila Prabhupada Letter, 18/4/1970)

“So our this movement is not for the *krpanas*. It is meant for the *brahmanas*. We want to become ourself *brahmana*, and we want to make others also *brahmana*. Because there is need of *brahmana* at the present moment.”

(Srila Prabhupada Lecture, 15/6/1973)

ISKCON meant for creating *brahmanas*

“We are therefore creating *brahmanas*. We are not creating *sudras*. *Sudras* are already there.”

(Srila Prabhupada Lecture, 19/5/1972)

“As I told you that this propaganda is meant for creating some *brahmanas* all over the world because the *brahmana* element is lacking, so one

who seriously comes to us, he has to become a *brahmana*. So he has to adopt the occupation of a *brahmana*, and he has to give up the occupation of a *ksatriya* or a *sudra*.”

(Srila Prabhupada Conversation, 22/6/1971)

“The Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement has been started especially to create qualified *brahmanas* to broadcast spiritual knowledge all over the world, for thus people may become very happy.”

(Srimad-Bhagavatam, 4.12.48, purport)

Krishna Consciousness is the business of *brahmanas*

“The position is that the whole world is full of *sudras*. The *sudra*’s business is to somehow or other catch up some nice service under some good master and get a nice wife and home. That is their success in life. [...] How they can be interested in Kṛṣṇa Consciousness, which is the business of high class *brahmanas* and *Vaisnavas*? Still it is our duty to preach, and our sincere endeavor for preaching work will be appreciated by the Lord.”

(Srila Prabhupada Letter, 21/5/1973)

Devotees must first be *brahmanas* to create others as ideal

“So far we are concerned we shall keep ourselves in ideal *brahminical* position and if need be if no *ksatriya* or *vaisya* is here we can take up their work as emergency. Our business is to create ideal *ksatriyas* and *vaisyas* but beyond that our real business is to keep ourselves as ideal *brahmanas*. If we are not ideal we cannot create others as ideal. [...] So our business is to keep fit as *brahmanas* and to train others to be ideal *ksatriyas* and *vaisyas* for advancing the whole society.”

(Srila Prabhupada Lecture, 28/4/1974, emphasis added)

Devotees must be *brahmanas* to guide society

“So this Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement is creating some brain of the human society. *Brahmana*. And this brain. *Brahmana*’s business is... *Brahmana*, this word, very word comes [...] So *brahmana* means one who knows God. That is *brahmana*. And keeping in

view God, they teaches others to become God conscious. Without becoming God conscious, the human society’s simply animal society. [...] So in the human society, if there is no *brahmana* who can teach about God, who can elevate persons to God consciousness, then it is also animal society. [...] Then human, the mission of human being will not be fulfilled.”

(Srila Prabhupada Lecture, 8/4/1973, emphasis added)

Brahmanas required to understand Absolute Truth

“Now this Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement is meant for creating some *brahmanas*, or the most intelligent class of men. [...] *Brahmana* means who has got very nice intellectual brain, who can understand the Absolute Truth. [...]

So this Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement is trying to create some good brains so that he can understand, one can understand what is the Absolute Truth. This is the movement.”

(Srila Prabhupada Lecture, 21/2/1973, emphasis added)



If you can't beat them...Cheat!

What do you do when the evidence is against you, and the conclusion is the opposite of what you require? Simple – you just blatantly cheat and hope that no one notices! And this is exactly what those representing the guru hoax have done when attempting to answer the IRM's position, as we detail below.

1. Black becomes white

"As a final point we would like to give a new definition to the word *ritvik* or *ritvik acarya*. Not accepting a preconceived meaning of the word *ritvik*, but seeing it as an adjunct to the word *acarya*, and similar to the meaning of the word officiating, I would propose that any guru, is an officiating *acarya* or *ritvik acarya*. That is because he is acting on behalf of his guru. Like all devotees do. That does not mean that the disciples are his guru's but as a Vaisnava he does it on the guru's behalf."

(HH Sivarama Swami, *Continuing the Parampara*, 1994, p. 21)

The above quote is from a paper written by a GBC member and GBC-elected guru hoaxter. Stuck with the stubborn fact that Srila Prabhupada appointed *ritviks* to conduct initiations on his behalf rather than successor *diksa* gurus, he has simply redefined a *ritvik* priest to mean a successor *diksa* guru!

2. Live in denial

Satsvarupa: "So they may also be considered your disciples." **Srila Prabhupada:** "Yes, they are disciples. Why consider? Who?" (Room Conversation, 28/5/1977, emphasis added)

"ANALYSIS:

Satsvarupa Maharaja again suggests the possibility of proxy initiation. Srila Prabhupada could say yes, but he does not. On the contrary, Srila Pra-

bhupada suggests that the question does not make sense" (*Disciple of My Disciple*, GBC member Badrinarayana Das et. al., p. 7, emphasis added)

Another way to deal with evidence that one does not like is to simply pretend it does not exist!

Above, Srila Prabhupada clearly answers "yes" to the question asked, but the above paper, written by a GBC member and other GBC-elected guru hoaxers, simply pretends that Srila Prabhupada does not say "yes"!

3. Get rid of the evidence

Another way to deal with evidence that supports a conclusion that is the opposite of what is required, is to simply get rid of it! GBC-elected guru hoaxter His Holiness Bhakti Vikash Swami ("BVKS") proposed eliminating an unanswerable quote by claiming one word had been incorrectly transcribed:

"After all, Caitanya Mahaprabhu ordered all his followers to become guru. So the *ritvik-vadis* say that that means you should become a *siksa* guru and not a *diksa* guru. And in Prabhupada's purport to *Madhya-lila* verse 130, which comes just after that famous verse *amara ajnaya guru haya tara ei desa*, "Become a guru and deliver this land", there is a statement that "It is best not to accept any disciples" [...] I got the original transcript of this and there are mistakes in Prabhupada's books [...] That should be, "It is best not to accept many disciples", not "any disciples"" (BVKS, Lecture, 9/2/2009)

He claims that this needs to be done because there was a transcription error, but he presents no evidence for his claim.

4. Change the evidence

The first ever official, circulated transcript of the room conversa-

tion of May 28th, 1977, was issued in 1985 as an appendix to the paper *Under My Order*, by His Grace Ravindra Svarupa Das ("RSD"). To ensure the accuracy of the transcript, RSD made certain to ensure it was independently "checked and corrected" (quote from paper), by none other than the person who had been entrusted at the time with "checking and correcting" Srila Prabhupada's books, His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami. So the GBC cannot quibble with the accuracy of the transcript presented. A key portion of the transcript thus presented was as follows:

Srila Prabhupada: "They're his disciple."

Tamal Krsna: "They're his disciple."

Srila Prabhupada: "Who is initiating. His grand-disciple." (Transcript of May 28th, 1977 Room Conversation, *Under My Order*, Ravindra Svarupa Das, 1985, emphasis added)

The term "His grand-disciple" proves conclusively that the "His" referred to for the initiator is Srila Prabhupada himself, and that Srila Prabhupada is referring to himself in the 3rd person, since only he could even theoretically have a "grand-disciple". And Srila Prabhupada then goes on to link the creation of such grand-disciples to him ordering gurus; an order he never gave.

This, however, completely contradicts what the GBC need the transcript to say, which is that the initiator referred to is one of Srila Prabhupada's disciples, the *ritviks*. So no problem, they simply changed the above transcript in all future GBC papers (such as *Prabhupada's Order*, 1998), to "He is grand-disciple"!

5. Give up and carry on anyway!

Having seen all of their previous attempts in offering "evidence" for their claims exposed as contradictory gibberish by the IRM (see

IRM replies to GBC papers on our website, www.iskconirm.com), the GBC finally decided to simply not bother even offering evidence! They simply stated what they believed without any attempt to offer evidence supporting the same:

"The GBC officially accepts the following conclusions about continuing the disciplic succession [...] Srila Prabhupada said that his disciples would become "regular gurus" and that each of their disciples would thus be a "disciple of my disciple." On the strength of our Vaisnava tradition and the statements of Srila Prabhupada, the GBC concludes that Srila Prabhupada intended his disciples to become "regular gurus" after he physically departed." (GBC Resolution 409, 2004)

This GBC resolution comes with no evidence or attempts to explain the claims made in the resolution.

Conclusion

1) First, the IRM showed that the GBC's guru hoax was defeated by Srila Prabhupada in our various papers such as *The Final Order*.

2) Since they would not accept Srila Prabhupada's authority, we then offered them an authority they simply could not refuse – themselves! – in various literatures such as *BTP* Special Issue 2, and they were shown to also be defeated by themselves.

3) We also demonstrated how the GBC defeat themselves in practise regarding the issue of authorisation of gurus, claiming, on one hand, that all of Srila Prabhupada's disciples are automatically qualified to be successor *diksa* gurus, but on the other hand not accepting this in practice via strictly controlling who can become guru via its voting process.

Given such a catalogue of all-round defeat, it's no wonder they have no recourse left but to just blatantly cheat!

Divine - or just deviant? A case study of H.H.

One of ISKCON's leading GBC voted-in "gurus", HH Romapada Swami ("RPS"), based in the USA, is happy to accept that he is supposedly a "pure devotee" guru successor to Srila Prabhupada, by:

a) Allowing such descriptions of himself on his official website:

"The next day, we were able to carry the festive mood by being in the divine presence of Maharaja [...] we were blessed and fortunate to be in the powerful association of His pure representative, His Holiness Romapada Swami Maharaja."

(www.romapadaswami.com, archived 2011)

b) Directly accepting he is on this level by posing as a bona fide ISKCON spiritual master and claiming that such a person must be an *uttama-adhikari*:

"It is also further recommended that one accept a spiritual master who is on the topmost platform of devotional service, i.e. an *uttama adhikari*. [...] *Shastras* do enjoin that before surrendering to a guru, it is the duty of the disciple to ascertain that the spiritual master is a pure representative based on the above mentioned scriptural standards".

(www.romapadaswami.com, archived 2011)

Given these repeated, confident proclamations of divine, pure devotee status, we will analyse RPS's actual status. Statements from RPS are all taken from his official website, and will appear in the tinted panels as above, with our comments underneath.

Not authorised

RPS agrees that Srila Prabhupada needs to have directly authorised him to act as a *diksa* guru successor:

"Spiritual Masters are self realized then can we say all self realized

persons can be a spiritual masters? Yes, if they are authorized by their spiritual master to perform this service, and if they are receiving knowledge in disciplic succession."

Yet, RPS has not produced any record of receiving this authorisation from Srila Prabhupada to act as his successor *diksa* guru. This is to be expected since there is no record of such an authorisation given by Srila Prabhupada to either RPS or anyone else. Rather, RPS, like so many of his ISKCON "guru" colleagues, became such a successor *diksa* guru via simply receiving the required number of "no objection" votes from the GBC, rather than any direct order from Srila Prabhupada:

"5. The following, who have received recommendation from 3 GBC members according to the September, 1985 GBC resolutions are given blessings to initiate. [...] 2. Romapada Swami - New York [...]"

[GBC resolutions, March 30, 1986]

As will now be documented, to justify his unauthorised status as a successor *diksa* guru, RPS has to resort to inventing unauthorised doctrines.

Unauthorised doctrine: "In person"

"The medium through which we can actually access, reciprocate with and surrender to Srila Prabhupada is through his instructions. His sincere living representatives who are faithfully and sincerely living their lives according to his instructions help us to access His Divine Grace. [...] the principle of approaching a spiritual master in person to receive transcendental knowledge is a universal principle - for all time and ages. Krishna unequivocally recommends it (BG 4.34); furthermore, Srila Prabhupada himself repeatedly instructs in all of his writings

and teachings the need to surrender to a personal spiritual master, submissively inquire and render personal service."

RPS here makes 3 false claims:

1) That Srila Prabhupada's instructions need to be accessed via a physically present "living" guru "in person".

2) That this doctrine is taught by Krishna in *Bhagavad-gita* 4:34.

3) That Srila Prabhupada himself repeatedly teaches this.

Nowhere does Krishna or Srila Prabhupada state that knowledge from the spiritual master can only be received "in person" via "living representatives". Indeed, these doctrines are so absurd that even RPS himself also claims they are false, making it clear that one can access Srila Prabhupada's instructions directly, and that "personal-living" association is not necessary:

"Hearing about Krishna from the lips of a pure devotee is also very important to quickly attract Krishna's mercy. [...] If it is possible for you, you can try to get some of the audio recordings of Srila Prabhupada's lectures and hear them regularly, and/or you can study Prabhupada's books, which is a recorded form of his speaking. [...] Approaching through the devotee does not necessarily mean through physical contact. [...] As Srila Prabhupada always emphasized, association of the guru or a saintly person through 'vani' (i.e. their instructions) is more important than association through 'vapu' (personal, physical association)."

Unauthorised doctrine: Not Srila Prabhupada

"If we want to follow the instructions of Srila Prabhupada, one of his often repeated and clear instructions is the necessity for everyone of us to accept a bona fide spiritual master and serve such a spiritual master with surrender

and submission. Those who faithfully accept this instruction of Prabhupada will be empowered to find and take shelter of a pure spiritual master and follower of Srila Prabhupada."

Srila Prabhupada does indeed state that one needs to accept and serve a bona fide spiritual master. Srila Prabhupada does not, however, state that such a bona fide spiritual master cannot be himself but rather is one of his "followers". As with the previous entry, this can be shown to be an unauthorised doctrine simply by noting that RPS is unable to quote Srila Prabhupada stating what he is claiming. On the contrary, when Srila Prabhupada established ISKCON, he also established himself as the initiating guru for all the members of the ISKCON society:

"I am the Spiritual Master of this institution, and all the members of the Society, they're supposed to be my disciples. They follow the rules and regulations which I ask them to follow, and they are initiated by me spiritually."

(Srila Prabhupada, Radio Interview, 12/3/1968)

And at no point did he state that this state of affairs should be terminated, and that instead one can only be initiated by one of his disciples, such as RPS.

Unauthorised doctrine: Srila Prabhupada not personal

"As recommended in BG 4.34, Surrender and service are to be offered to a personal spiritual master who is purely and transparently representing the disciplic succession and from whom we can hear and inquire of the practical applications of Srila Prabhupada's teachings specific to our lives."

Again, RPS claims that we must surrender to a spiritual master

Romapada Swami

other than Srila Prabhupada, due to the need to learn how to apply Srila Prabhupada's teachings specifically in one's life.

Again, this doctrine can be rejected simply by noting that RPS has not quoted Srila Prabhupada supporting his claim. *Bhagavad-gita* 4:34 does not state the only way Srila Prabhupada's teachings can be applied is by surrendering to someone other than Srila Prabhupada. Indeed, many of Srila Prabhupada's disciples never met him, yet this did not require that they surrender to someone else as their spiritual master. Again, such an unauthorised doctrine is rejected by RPS himself:

"If the instructions of the spiritual master remain always close to our heart, this is like being personally trained by the spiritual master as he resides within our hearts due to our love for him!"[...] During Srila Prabhupada's time, many devotees did not get Prabhupada's personal association very much; they were being trained by and working under Prabhupada's disciples but formally they accepted Srila Prabhupada as their eternal spiritual master and were initiated by him."

Unauthorised doctrine: Bona fide falldown

"That may be a possibility. There are some instances when one does accept a bona fide spiritual master but later on that spiritual master may fall away from the strict standards."

To rationalise the unauthorised guru hoax operating in ISKCON, of which RPS is an integral part, and which has seen dozens of its "gurus" engage in gross falldowns, RPS claims bona fide spiritual masters can deviate. However, Srila Prabhupada teaches the exact opposite:

"A bona fide spiritual mas-

ter is in the disciplic succession from time eternal, and he does not deviate at all from the instructions of the Supreme Lord" (*Bhagavad-gita As It Is*, 4.4.2, purport)

No need to search out

Continuing with his theme that one must find a physically present "living" guru to surrender to, RPS claims we need to "search out" such a bona fide spiritual master who is present in the material world:

"The qualifications and duties of a bona fide spiritual master are adequately described by Srila Prabhupada in his books, and it is the duty of a sincere devotee to assimilate them and search out such a bona fide spiritual master. For such a sincere seeker, Krishna always sends His bona fide representative. By Krishna's plan & desire, pure devotee spiritual masters are always present in this material world at any point in time"

But Srila Prabhupada is the bona fide spiritual master that Krishna has sent, and he is still present in the material universe:

"You have asked if it is true that the spiritual master remains in the universe until all his disciples are transferred to the spiritual sky. The answer is yes, this is the rule."

(Srila Prabhupada Letter, 11/7/69)

Srila Prabhupada is also present through his books, instructions and empowered *murti* (deity) form, which is the form via which RPS himself has been associating with and surrendering to Srila Prabhupada. Hence, RPS cannot argue that there is always a "living", physically present guru to whom one must surrender and associate with, because he himself does not have such a bona fide spiritual master! Indeed, again, RPS's propositions are so absurd that they are rejected by himself:



HH Romapada Swami:
Claiming divinity

"Just as Krishna is present everywhere and not just in the temple, similarly the Spiritual Master is also not an ordinary person who is restricted by mundane space or time. The Spiritual Master is non-different from his instructions (*vani*)."

Further contradiction

"It is quite proper and also essential for all devotees in the Krishna consciousness process to have deep feelings of attachment for Srila Prabhupada - we owe our spiritual life to his endless loving sacrifices for us, his crystal-clear teachings and his brilliant personal qualities and example.

That attachment can be best expressed, even in his physical absence, by faithfully and gratefully grasping and following his instructions - this is the essence of the loving reciprocation between the disciple and the spiritual master. As you have rightly surmised, the important point is to surrender, and you can surrender to Srila Prabhupada's *vani* or instructions."

RPS claims that we owe our spiritual life to Srila Prabhupada and that it is possible to surrender to and follow Srila Prabhupada's instructions today. And that this is the essence of loving reciprocation between a spiritual master and his disciple. So, if this is the case, and we surrender



Srila Prabhupada:
Actual divinity

to Srila Prabhupada by following his instructions, and thereby engage in loving reciprocation with him as his disciple, why would we need to accept another spiritual master such as RPS, as he has advocated in the earlier entries?

Conclusion

Despite promoting himself as a pure devotee and bona fide spiritual master, the analysis above shows that RPS:

- a) Is not authorised to be a successor *diksa* guru to Srila Prabhupada.
- b) Presents self-made defective teachings.
- c) Presents contradictory teachings.

Hence, by RPS's own definition, he is not a bona fide spiritual master:

"A bona fide guru would never present any invented, self-made defective teachings, but will always simply repeat what the scriptures and Supreme Lord say, without any modification or distortion. Only these teaching can be considered flawless, and they constitute the teachings of a bona fide spiritual master."

Guru Hoaxer's double climbdown

In our BTP 25 article "Monitor madness", we exposed the deceptions present in the authorised biography of ISKCON GBC-elected guru hoaxer **HH Mahavishnu Swami ("MVS")**, as broadcast on his official website. In the article, we highlighted 2 sets of statements from MVS's biography. The first statement proclaimed MVS's status as an ISKCON guru:

"In 1990 he accepted his first disciple as Srila Prabhupada had wanted his followers to also guide and initiate others in Krishna Consciousness. He took up this task in the spirit of being one of Prabhupada's "monitor" gurus. Now he has initiated over a 100 disciples." (Website biography of HH Mahavishnu Swami [UK])

The second statement expanded on this statement to make it clear that MVS was actually a "good as God" *diksa* guru, non-different to Krishna or any other *acarya* in the disciplic succession, including Srila Prabhupada. This was done by stating that while reading the biography we must "bear in mind the following important words from Srila Prabhupada", which were a number of quotations glorifying the guru as being non-different to Krishna. Following this exposé, MVS has become yet another member of the ISKCON "climbdown club", whereby, due to the IRM's preaching, ISKCON leaders are forced to change their position to that which is aligned with the IRM's position.

Firstly, after transferring the website, the above quoted paragraph describing MVS's ISKCON guru status was removed, and the following added instead:

"although he is supposed to be above the modes of nature he regrets he is still struggling with his dirty heart although his determination to spread Krishna consciousness remains undaunted in spite of all odds against him."

This new statement admits that MVS is "supposed" to be above the modes of material nature, even though he is not. Why this admission? Because a bona fide guru is supposed to be above the modes of material nature:

"Because the bound cannot help the bound, the rescuer must be liberated. Therefore, only Lord Krsna, or His bona fide representative the spiritual master, can release the conditioned soul. Without such superior help, one cannot be freed from the bondage of material nature."

(*Bhagavad-gita As It Is*, 7.14, purport, 1972 edition)

but MVS is still continuing to act as a fully-fledged ISKCON guru! And the section stating that the biography must be read in light of the fact that the guru is actually non-different from Krishna was removed entirely! This meant that the new statement that MVS is under the modes of material nature should be taken at face value without the need for any other consideration. Indeed, the biography now makes no mention at all that MVS is an ISKCON guru who is initiating disciples!

Secondly, as at the time of going to press, after this first series of climbdowns initiated due to BTP's exposure, MVS simply removed his website **altogether!**

So despite:

- a) admitting that he is not qualified to be a bona fide spiritual master due to still being under the modes of material nature;
- b) specifically removing references to his claim to be such a bona fide spiritual master from his website;
- c) and then removing his website altogether;

in practice, MVS still continues to attempt to act in the capacity of a bona fide spiritual master, and receive the worship and disciples that are meant exclusively for the real bona fide guru, Srila Prabhupada. This is another example of the "PAD" (Profit, Adoration and Distinction) phenomenon mentioned on page 3 of this issue. Though more and more of the guru hoaxers are being forced by the IRM's preaching to climb down philosophically and align their position to that of the IRM, since in practice the lure of "PAD" is too strong, they will still hypocritically carry on acting contrary to how even they themselves admit they should act!



HH Mahavishnu Swami:
Admits he is under the modes
of material nature

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